

DIONNE WALKER-BELGRAVE, MBA, CCDP/AP, was appointed as a member of the Commission in April 2011 and is a diversity and compliance consultant and President of DWB Associates. Dionne

was one of the first professionals to receive her Diversity Certification CCDP/AP, from Cornell and also holds a Management Development Certificate from Harvard University. Ms. Walker-Belgrade received an M.B.A. in Finance from Adelphi University, and a B.S. in Business from SUNY New Paltz. Before founding her own consulting business, she held positions in the Long Island area as Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Affirmative Action/Equity and Diversity, Director of Financial Aid and Financial Auditor and Budget Analyst. She conducts training seminars and lectures locally and abroad on Global Diversity, Affirmative Action, Financial Aid and College Admissions and Scholarships. Ms. Walker-Belgrave was the recipient of the Long Island Urban League's Trail Blazer Award, and has been recognized by many area organizations for her dedication and leadership. She has taken leadership roles in various mentoring programs, community-based organizations and educational initiatives. Throughout the years, she has been an active participant and supporter of many civic, cultural and educational organizations including, but not limited to, the American Association for Affirmative Action, New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association, Long Island Next Generation Housing Committee, Erase Racism, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., the Long Island Urban League and in 2011 she was appointed to the County Executive's African-American Advisory Board. She also chaired New York State's Regional Affirmative Action Officers. Ms. Walker-Belgrave is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and she is a member and former Trustee of Living Hope Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, where she also served as Christian Education leader and is currently the External Affairs Liaison.